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distinction between the course in a Higher Elementary School and that in a Middle School. Will the Government make it uniform either by abolishing the examination or by making it uniform?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That distinction is only with reference to eighth year class. That, we have said, could be considered a little later. As far as the general reorganization is concerned, that could be implemented immediately.

New schools in Srirangam Municipal area

* 132 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of newly started elementary schools within the Srirangam Municipal area that applied for recognition and aid during the school-year 1955–56; and

(b) the number of such applications still pending disposal?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) One application was received and it is under correspondence with the Municipal Commissioner.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : As I have information that one of the schools that was started did not receive recognition even after eight months since it was started and that it had to be closed—it has already been closed—will the Government kindly put a time-limit for the grant of recognition?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I find elementary schools are started without sanction and then the managements come up for sanction. Naturally it takes some time to dispose of the application, because the local body concerned and also the managements of schools nearby have got to be consulted. Simply because a person starts a school and runs it for some time, it does not mean that recognition to that school should be granted as a matter of course. It is better that one applies for sanction and then starts a school, if such difficulty as has been pointed out is to be avoided.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Do our rules allow of a school being started after sanction?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think there is any bar to asking for sanction beforehand.

Scales of pay of Instructors handling Engineering courses

* 133 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) the scales of pay of Instructors and Assistant Instructors handling Engineering courses under the bifurcated courses of studies in secondary schools; and

(b) the qualifications prescribed for such posts?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: *(a)* & *(b)* A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI: From the statement it is found that persons with L.M.E. or L.E.E. qualification with not less than three years' workshop experience or teaching experience are given a scale of pay whose minimum and maximum respectively are Rs. 100 and Rs. 220 in Government schools and Rs. 100 and Rs. 200 in non-Government schools, whereas persons with the same (L.M.E. or L.E.E.) qualification with a minimum of one year's practical experience in engineering workshops or as Instructor in a recognized technical school are given a scale of pay whose minimum and maximum respectively are Rs. 85 and Rs. 175 in Government schools and Rs. 75 and Rs. 145 in non-Government schools. As there is a grievance that persons holding the same qualifications are given different scales of pay, may I know whether the Government will be pleased to make the scale uniform, and give a higher start in the same scale to persons with an experience of three years and more?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The qualification for appointment as Instructor is a L.M.E. or L.E.E. Diploma with not less than three years' experience, and the scale of pay for the post is Rs. 100—5—120—10—220 in Government schools and Rs. 120—10—200 in non-Government schools. If a person with this experience is not available, then a person with a lesser experience is appointed, and in his case we have fixed the pay at Rs. 90 or Rs. 95. I do not think there has been any difficulty in adopting these scales of pay.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI: From the last paragraph of the statement placed on the table of the House we find that men of the same qualifications—L.M.E. and L.E.E.—are started in the scale of Rs. 85—5—120—10—175. There is a grievance that the qualifications for both are the same and that there is difference in pay scales. Therefore, will the Government consider the redressal of this grievance by placing them on a uniform scale of pay, namely, Rs. 100 to Rs. 220 and giving a higher start to men of three years' experience? 10-10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: One is the Senior Instructor and the other is the Assistant Instructor. Therefore, we have framed different scales. Whether both the posts could be combined is a question, I am afraid, which requires a little more consideration.

Pensioners of ex-Pudukkottah State

* 134 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the rates of temporary increase in pensions allowed to the pensioners of ex-Pudukkottah State differ from these allowed to the other pensioners of this State;

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